REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are effected to more particularly point out and distinctly define the subject matter of this invention.

I. CLAIM STATUS & AMENDMENTS

Claim 1-9 have been restricted.

Claims 1-7 have been amended into method claims. Support can be found in the disclosure, for example, at page 5, lines 1-4, page 17, line 16 to page 18, line 12 and original claims 1-7.

This amendment changes the subject matter of claims 1-7 (i.e., Group I) from an agent to a method of treating by administering said agent. In particular, amended claims 1-7 are directed to a method for treating chondroma and chondrosarcoma, which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof, a substance which inhibits binding of parathyroid hormone related peptide to a receptor thereof. The claims were so amended, because the original claims were drafted in accordance with Japanese practice, which allows a medicament for a second pharmaceutical use. The amended claims accurately reflect the disclosed method of treatment in accordance with US practice.

II. RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 1, 2007, Applicants hereby elect the invention identified as Group I, as it applies to amended claims 1-7. Since examination on the merits has not begun, it is respectfully requested that the method of amended claims 1-7 be examined on the merits as the elected invention of Group I.

In the event that the Office will not permit amended claims 1-7 to be used as the elected invention of Group I, kindly give Applicants a chance to make an additional election.

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Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

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